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Commercial catfish operations in Mississippi had 74 million foodsize fish on hand July 1, 2011, down 37 percent from the July 1, 2010, total. Of the total number of foodsize fish, 1.23 million were large foodsize (over 3 pounds per fish), 13.0 million were medium foodsize (over 1 ½ to 3 pounds per fish), and 60.0 million were small foodsize fish (over ¾ to 1 ½ pounds per fish). There were 215 million stockers on hand July 1, 2011, down 5 percent from a year ago. Of the total number of stockers, 118 million were large (over 180 pounds to 750 pounds per 1,000 fish) and 97 million were small (over 60 pounds to 180 pounds per 1,000 fish). Operators had 584 million fingerlings and fry on hand July 1, 2011, down 12 percent from the 661 million on hand July 1, 2010.

All known catfish operators in the three states surveyed were contacted during the first half of July by mail, telephone and personal interview. Data from each operation were compared to their own past operating profile and to trends of similar operations. Data for missing operations were estimated based on similar operations or historical data.

Catfish Production: Water Surface Acreage Use, by State Surveyed, 2010-2011

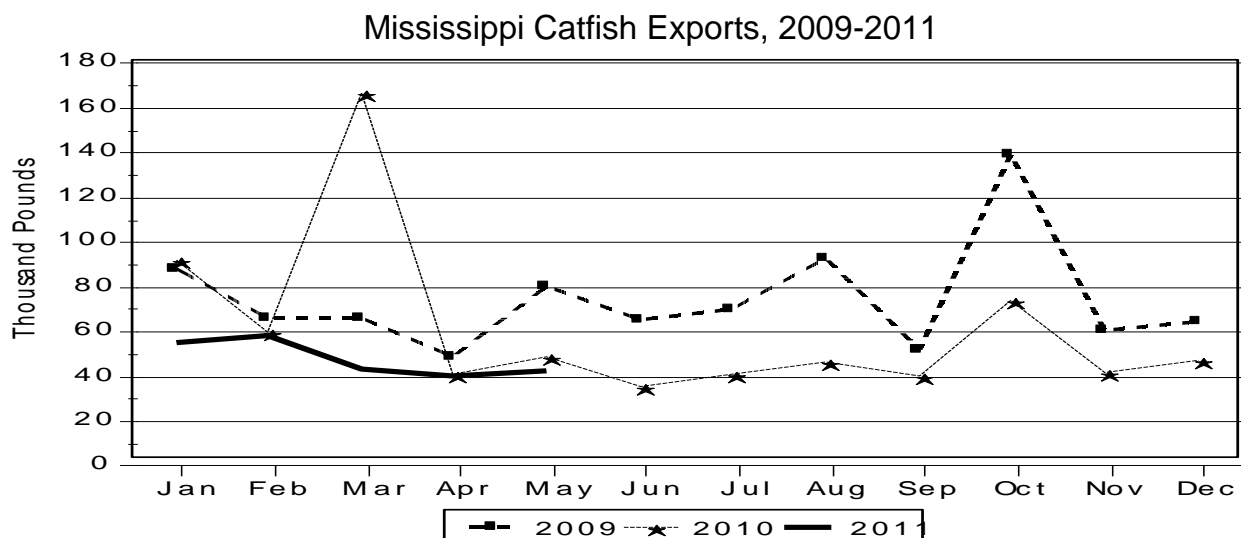
State	Acres Intended for Utilization During July 1 – December 31					Acres Taken Out of Production During Jan 1 – Jan 30
	Foodsize	Fingerlings	Broodfish	Currently Under or Scheduled for:		
				Renovation	New Construction	
Acres						
2011						
Alabama	18,300	560	75	160	1	340
Arkansas	8,200	2,100	220	170	1	1,500
Mississippi	39,000	8,800	1,300	1,900	1	2,700
Three State Total	65,500	11,460	1,595	2,230	190	4,540
2010						
Alabama	19,500	860	110	1	1	280
Arkansas	11,700	2,300	330	1	1	3,300
Mississippi	47,300	9,300	1,400	930	0	3,000
Three State Total	78,500	12,460	1,840	1,580	45	6,580

¹ Withheld to avoid disclosing data for individual operations.

Catfish: Inventory by Size Category and State Surveyed, July 1, 2010-2011

State and Size Category	Number of Fish		Live Weight			
			Total		Average	
	2010	2011	2010	2011	2010	2011
	1,000		1,000 Pounds		Pounds per Fish	
Large Foodsize						
Alabama	2,190	1,080	8,000	4,000	3.7	3.7
Arkansas	400	260	1,300	912	3.3	3.5
Mississippi	3,760	1,230	13,000	4,600	3.5	3.7
Three State Total	6,350	2,570	22,300	9,512	3.5	3.7
Medium Foodsize						
Alabama	27,200	15,900	52,200	29,600	1.9	1.9
Arkansas	8,470	4,900	15,900	9,400	1.9	1.9
Mississippi	25,400	13,000	47,200	22,500	1.9	1.7
Three State Total	61,070	33,800	115,300	61,500	1.9	1.8
Small Foodsize						
Alabama	38,000	53,700	37,200	51,500	1.0	1.0
Arkansas	18,800	9,200	17,700	8,750	0.9	1.0
Mississippi	87,500	59,500	86,300	58,300	1.0	1.0
Three State Total	144,300	122,400	141,200	118,550	1.0	1.0
All Foodsize						
Alabama	67,390	70,680	97,400	85,100	NA	NA
Arkansas	27,670	14,360	34,900	19,062	NA	NA
Mississippi	116,660	73,730	146,500	85,400	NA	NA
Three State Total	211,720	158,770	278,800	189,562	NA	NA
Broodfish						
Alabama	20	40	99	144	5.0	3.6
Arkansas	65	50	264	200	4.1	4.0
Mississippi	370	340	1,750	1,650	4.7	4.9
Three State Total	455	430	2,113	1,994	4.6	4.6

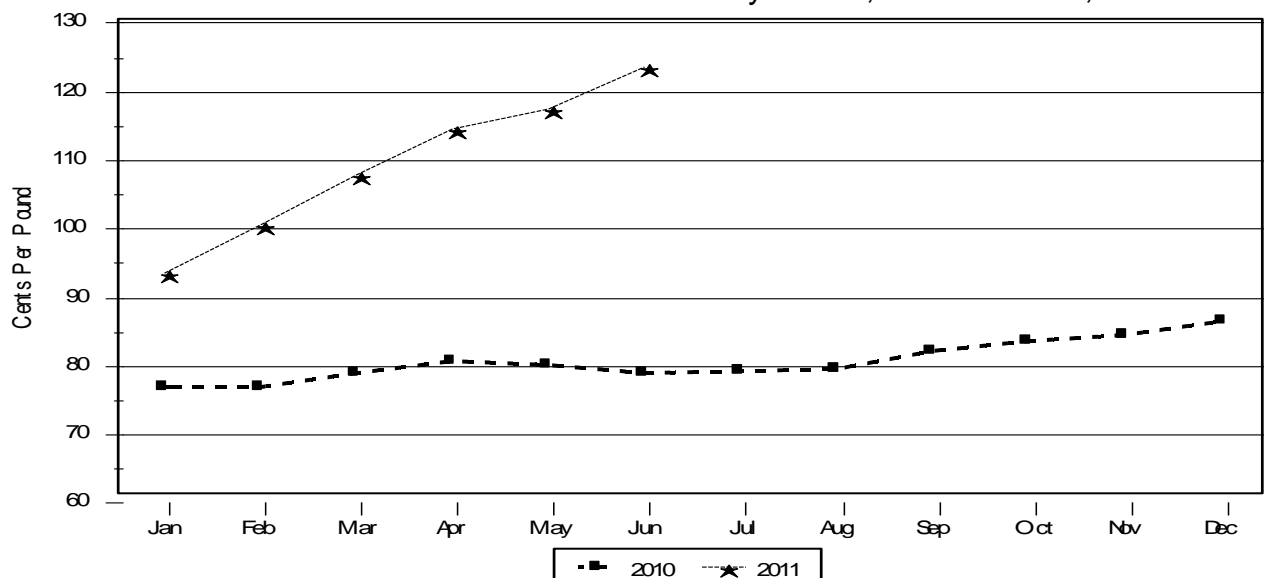
NA Not applicable.



Catfish: Inventory by Size Category and State Surveyed, July 1, 2010-2011

State	Number of Fish		Live Weight			
			Total		Average	
	2010	2011	2010	2011	2010	2011
1,000		1,000 Pounds		Pounds per 1,000 Fish		
Large Stockers						
Alabama	38,400	45,000	14,200	17,400	370	387
Arkansas	14,700	13,400	6,150	5,750	418	429
Mississippi	113,000	118,000	45,000	47,600	398	403
Three State Total	166,100	176,400	65,350	70,750	393	401
Small Stockers						
Alabama	41,100	44,200	3,900	5,200	94.9	118.0
Arkansas	13,900	32,000	1,540	3,050	111.0	95.3
Mississippi	114,000	96,600	10,800	9,500	94.7	98.3
Three State Total	169,000	172,800	16,240	17,750	96.1	102.7
Total Stockers						
Alabama	79,500	89,200	18,100	22,600	NA	NA
Arkansas	28,600	45,400	7,690	8,800	NA	NA
Mississippi	227,000	214,600	55,800	57,100	NA	NA
Three State Total	335,100	349,200	81,590	88,500	NA	NA
Fingerlings & Fry						
Alabama	40,200	47,900	1,200	784	29.9	16.4
Arkansas	104,000	99,700	1,700	2,100	16.3	21.1
Mississippi	661,000	584,000	8,000	8,550	12.1	14.6
Three State Total	805,200	731,600	10,900	11,434	13.5	15.6

Farm-Raised Catfish Prices Paid to Producers by Month, United States, 2010-2011



Catfish: Number of Operations and Water Surface Acres Used for
Production, by State Surveyed, 2010-2011

State	Number of Operations on July 1 ¹		Water Surface Acres Used for Production During July 1-December 31	
	2010	2011	2010	2011
	Number		Acres	
Alabama	NA	NA	20,600	19,000
Arkansas	NA	NA	14,600	10,700
Mississippi	NA	NA	59,800	51,700
Three State Total	454	389	95,000	81,400

NA Not available.

¹ State level number of operations will only be published every five years in conjunction with the Census of Agriculture.